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1. DEPT ON JANUARY 23 GAVE TO SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY
TREPYKHALIN NOTE AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVFRACHT
CHARTERING COMPANY IN NEW YORK.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE: QUOTE. IN REPLY TO NOTE
NO. 42 OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS DATED OCTOBER 31, 1975 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE FOLLOWING.

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IN THE INTEREST OF FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE

US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT OF DECEMBER 29, 1975, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AGREES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHARTERING COMPANY IN NEW YORK BY THE SOVIET COMPANY, SOVFRACHT. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONSENTS TO THE FORMATION OF THE SOVFRACHT COMPANY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

TO FACILITATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOVFRACHT COMPANY, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORIZATION FOR THREE SOVIET CITIZENS NOW WORKING ON

SOVFRACHT BUSINESS IN THE AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM AMTORG TO WORK AT THE SOVFRACHT COMPANY. THE AUTHORIZED STAFF LIMITS OF AMTORG WILL THEREBY BE REDUCED BY THREE TO 39.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW SOVFRACHT COMPANY WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF A CHARTERING OPERATION, AS DESCRIBED UNDER POINTS 1., 2., AND 3. OF THE SOVIET NOTE. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPT ADVISED TREPYKHALIN THAT WHEN SOVFRACHT READY TO OBTAIN OFFICE SPACE APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO SOV. (THIS HAS BEEN STANDARD PRACTICE IN PREVIOUS INSTANCES WHEN SOVIETS OPENED OFFICES IN US.) DEPT ALSO REQUESTED THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER ESTABLISHING SOVFRACHT OFFICE IN SAME BUILDING AS AMTORG OR AS CLOSE TO AMTORG AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE THIS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO PROVIDE SECURITY. TREPYKHALIN STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THIS CONCERN, BECAUSE SOVIETS ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY GUARDING THEIR CONSULATE SITE IN NEW YORK. INGERSOLL

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